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Applicant: Pascal Paganon et al.	Confirmation No.: 1036
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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of November 10, 2011, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Status is on page 2.

Summary of USPTO Fees begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments/Conclusion begin on page 8 of this paper.

STATUS OF APPLICATION PRIOR TO AMENDMENT

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-21 were pending in the application.

Claims 15-19 and 21 were withdrawn in response to the Office's Election/Restrictions Requirement.

Claims 1-5, 8-10, 14 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Jakobsson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,102,922).

Claims 6, 7 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jakobsson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,102,922).

SUMMARY OF USPTO FEES ENCLOSED HEREWITH

Excess Claims Fees

Previously Paid For		After Present Amendment	
Total Claims	Independent	Total Claims	Independent
21	3	18	2_
	Fee Due:	(@$30) $_	(@$125) $_)

Entity status: Small   Total Excess Claims Fee Due: $0

Extension of Time

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two (2) month up to and including April 10, 2012, to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The cost of the extension is $280.

Authorization to Charge Fees

The Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge the above fees for a total of $ for a small entity as well as to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4913.